



Acts and Laws

Passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly of His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*: Begun and Held at *Boston*, upon Wednesday the twenty-sixth Day of *May* 1756. And continued by Prorogations to the Eleventh Day of *August* following, and then met.

C H A P. VIII.

An Act for the better ordering the late Inhabitants of *Nova-Scotia*, transported by Order of the Government there.

WHEREAS many Inconveniencies have arisen, and may still arise, from the Liberty which the late French Inhabitants of *Nova-Scotia* have taken, and may (if not prevented) continue to take of wandering from the several Towns in which their Residence has been assigned them respectively by this Government : Preamble.

Be it therefore enacted by the Governour, Council and House of Representatives, That from and after the first Day of *October* next, if any of the French Inhabitants of *Nova-Scotia* shall be found without the Limits of the Town or District in which he or she hath been or shall be ordered by this Court to reside, without Licence first had in Writing under the Hands of at least two of the Select-Men or Overseers of the Poor of such Town or District ; every such Offender shall be imprisoned in close Goal for the Space of five Days, without Bail or Mainprize, and kept on such Diet only as is usually allowed to Prisoners under close Confinement : And it shall and may be lawful for any Person of free Condition to apprehend such Offender, and carry him or her before the next Justice of the Peace of the County, who is hereby authorized and required to give Order for the Imprisonment of such Offender as aforesaid ; and also for carrying him or her back when discharged from Imprisonment to the Town or District in which he or she has been or shall be placed by Order of this Government, the whole Charge of the Proceedings aforesaid to be born by the Offender, if able, otherwise Penalty for French of *Nova-Scotia* going beyond their Limits without Licence..

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Dews in Salem. to be Bated.

by the Province, such Charge being first allowed and certified by the Justice before whom the Proceedings shall be had.

Penalty for
Select-Men,
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Licence con-
trary to Law.

And be it further enacted, That no Licence shall be granted by the Select-Men or Overseers of the Poor of any Town or District, to any of the French aforesaid for more than six Days Absence at one Time from the Place assign'd for their Residence, nor to be absent from their several Homes on the Lord's Day; and if any Select-Men or Overseers of the Poor of any Town or District shall presume to give a Licence for a longer Absence, or upon the Lord's Day, they shall forfeit for every Person so licenced, the Sum of *forty Shillings*, for the Use of the Poor of such Town or District, to be recovered by the Treasurer thereof, by Action or Information, to be brought before any one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County where such Offence shall be committed.

Limitation.

This Act to be in Force 'till the first Day of *October* One Thousand seven Hundred and fifty seven, and no longer.

C H A P. IX.

An Act for continuing an Act Intituled *An Act to empower the Proprietors of the Meeting-House in the first Parish in Salem, where the Reverend Mr. Dudley Leavitt now officiates, to raise Money to defrey Ministerial and other necessary Charges.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS an Act of this Province made and passed in the twenty seventh Year of his present Majesty's Reign, Intituled An Act to empower the Proprietors of the Meeting-House in the first Parish in Salem, where the Reverend Mr. Dudley Leavitt now officiates, to raise Money to defrey Ministerial and other necessary Charges, will expire on the twenty second Day of September next; which Act has been found beneficial and necessary for the Purposes for which it was pass'd:

Act continued
'till September
1761.

Be it therefore enacted by the Governour, Council and House of Representatives, That the said Act and every Matter and Clause therein contained, be and shall continue in Force from the twenty second Day of September next, until the twenty second Day of September One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty one, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of the General Court, and no longer.



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